

Weathersfield Select Board
Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2014
Amended 12/2/2014
Approved 12/15/2014

Present: N. John Arrison
David Fuller
Daniel Boyer
Richard Clattenburg
C. Peter Cole

Bonnie DuPrey
Wanda Gropler
Charles Horton
Lynn Esty
Bette Jo Esty
Jeness Burns
Julia Lloyd Wright

Alan Hudson
Edith Stillson
Lisa Slade
Jeff Slade
Carolyn Hier
Wes Hazeltine
Greg Adamovich

George Lamb

1. Call to Order

Chairman Arrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Martin Memorial Hall.

2. Comments from Select Board and Citizens on topics not on agenda

Select Board:

Mr. Boyer gave his report as the Board's representative on the Fire Commission.

Mr. Mullen reported that the Ascutney Fire District construction project had begun today and would continue through February of 2015.

Mr. Fuller asked for an update on the Town's bid on the Vernon police cruiser.

Citizens:

Lisa Slade expressed displeasure with the way in which her complaint (regarding the attack on her dog) is being addressed. Mr. Arrison asked that a copy of her original complaint, the animal control ordinance, and policy be emailed to all select board members.

3. Review Minutes from previous meeting(s)

Motion: To accept the minutes of November 17th.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Boyer **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

4. Award bid for mold & asbestos remediation in 1879 Perkinsville School House?

Todd Hobson of Claypoint Associates joined the meeting by telephone to discuss the cost of removing the mold (\$10,635) and asbestos (\$935) from the el. There was much discussion about the cost and how to pay for it and whether this project should be placed on the warrant for the next Town Meeting. No action was taken.

5. FY16 Budget Preparation

a. General Fund Budget: The Board reviewed each of the following budgets:

- i. **Listers:** Carolyn Hier was present to answer questions about the Listers' proposed budget.
- ii. **Administration:** It was noted that the amount to be raised by taxes is up by 11%. There was discussion about to spend the general fund surplus. \$7900 is in the budget for the Town Manager search.

Questions regarding the Police Department budget were deferred until the Police Chief could be present.

There was discussion regarding the HazMat revenue line in the Fire Commission budget. Ms. Esty, chair of the Fire Commission, was asked to provide copies of each fire department's Form 990 to the Board and the budget committee.

No changes were made to, and no action was taken on, any of these budgets.

iii. **Social Service Agencies up for 5-year appropriation:**

The Board discussed whether to list each of the eleven agencies on the warrant separately or to list only those that are requesting more than \$400.

Motion: To place all eleven social service agencies on the ballot.

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Clattenburg **Vote:** Cole – No; Arrison, Boyer, Fuller, Clattenburg – Yes. The motion carries.

Motion: To put SAPA TV request for \$400 on the ballot.

Made by: Mr. Clattenburg **Second:** Mr. Fuller **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

- b. **Highway Budget:** (This was reviewed along with the capital replacement plan and long-term debt schedule.)
- c. **Capital Replacement Plan and Long-Term Debt Schedule:** The board reviewed the plan and schedule. Discussion focused on timing of the purchase of the heavy duty truck and whether or not to purchase a new back-up loader. The Town Manager was directed to discuss this with Mr. Hazeltine. The Board also discussed the means of purchasing the light duty pick-up truck and a new heating system for the highway garage. No changes were made and no action was taken.

6. **Request to place article for solar power on Warning for 2015 Town Meeting – Julia Lloyd Wright**

Ms. Wright is asking for 1-2 cents on the tax rate to fund sustainable energy projects for the Town. The Board asked for more specific details, e.g. cost/benefit analysis to be reported at the next meeting. No action was taken.

TM was asked to explore "buy in" options for offsite solar.

7. **Deputy Health Officer positions**

Deputy Health Officer Lynn Esty's term is due to expire and she is seeking reappointment. She has handled dog bites primarily, although she is trained to handle all aspects of the position. Mr. Mullen recommended having only one deputy health officer. The zoning administrator currently holds the position.

Motion: To appoint Lynn Esty as deputy health officer.

Made by: Mr. Arrison **Second:** Mr. Fuller **Vote:** Arrison, Fuller – Yes; Clattenburg – did not vote; Boyer, Cole – No. The motion fails.

8. Project Updates

- a. **Bus shelter at Perkinsville School:** has been ordered by CRT and will be delivered in about three months. Highway will pour the 8 ft. x 10 ft. slab for it.
- b. **Maple Street Reconstruction Project:** work plans are being redesigned to reflect comments received.
- c. **Project for trail access to Town Forest:** design of the parking lot has been finalized.
- d. **Guard rail work: Tarbell Hill Road and other town roads:** Tarbell hill is completed and other areas are being completed
- e. **Advance Assistance engineering study for lower reach of Tarbell Hill Road:** The state has been awarded money from FEMA for this advance engineering work. The state is working out how to allocate it. The Tarbell Hill project is on the list for funding.
- f. **No new correspondence received regarding appearance of cell tower in Ascutney:** the Town Manager was asked to send them a letter and ask for a time line.

9. Appointments: Jeff Slade submitted his resignation from the budget committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Southern Windsor County Solid Waste Management District.

Motion: To accept Jeff Slade’s resignation from the budget committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Southern Windsor County Solid Waste Management District with regrets.

Made by: Mr. Cole **Second:** Mr. Boyer **Vote:** Unanimous in favor.

10. Approve Warrants

Motion: To approve the warrants for December 1, 2014 as follow:

General Funds	Operating Expenses	\$21,076.34
	Payroll	\$19,459.47
Highway Fund	Operating Expenses	\$19,569.91
	Payroll	\$12,361.34
Solid Waste Management Fund		
	Operating Expenses	\$6,220.33
	Payroll	\$1,477.31
Library	Operating Expenses	\$90.52
Grants		\$0.00
Agency Monies		\$908.45
Reserves		\$305.28

Made by: Mr. Fuller **Second:** Mr. Boyer **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

11. Future Meeting Agenda Items

12. Executive Sessions: Submit sealed bid for Vernon Police Cruiser?

The Board decided to postpone this discussion.

13. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Mr. Boyer **Second:** Mr. Cole **Vote:** Unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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WEATHERSFIELD SELECTBOARD

N. John Arrison, Chairperson

Daniel E. Boyer, Vice-Chairperson

David T. Fuller, Selector

C. Peter Cole, Selector

Richard N. Clattenburg, Selector